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US Ambassador visits Pelagonija region



On May 13, Ambassador Wohlers spent the day in the Pelagonija region, promoting USAID's Small Business Expansion Project, primarily focusing on its *Grow More Corn* initiatives. These initiatives aim to increase the supply of locally grown feed corn by introducing high yield seeds, drip irrigation technology and improved farm management practices that are estimated to increase the yield of corn per hectare from 5 tons to up to 17 tons. The Ambassador met with the mayors of Novaci and

Mogila, and with each of them, visited local demonstration plots at farms that are serving as models for other farmers to adopt these practices. The ultimate goal of these local economic development activities is to shift small farmers from subsistence to producing at a volume and quality that generates income growth, job creation, and further investment.

